

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 950

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Johnnie R. Vaughan, Jr.,
of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Johnnie R. Vaughan, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughan was an exemplary public servant and consummate
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Memphis on July 27, 1945, Johnnie Vaughan was the son of
Johnnie Vaughan, Sr., and Glenn Vaughan; he graduated from Treadwell High School in 1963;
and

WHEREAS, he attended Memphis State University and received a Bachelor of Arts
degree in Journalism; during his time in school, he played baseball, participated in cheerleading,
and met his future wife; and

WHEREAS, following graduation from Memphis State, Mr. Vaughan led a successful
ten-year journalism career, culminating in 1973 with assignments as the lead political editor for
the *Memphis Press-Scimitar*; and

WHEREAS, he left journalism to pursue a lifelong dream of being a veterinarian; in
1973, he enrolled in the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he earned a Master of
Science degree in Reproductive Physiology, a Master of Science degree in Theriogenology, and
a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine; and

WHEREAS, following graduation from the University of Tennessee, Mr. Vaughan and his
family moved to Somerville in 1980; he served the residents of Somerville and Fayette County
as a large and small animal veterinarian until his retirement in 2007; and

WHEREAS, he was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt white-tail deer and wild turkey; he dedicated many hours to wildlife conservation and sharing the outdoors with others through volunteer work as both a hunter safety instructor and local officer for the National Wild Turkey Federation; and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Vaughan was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughan will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Cheryl L. "Cheri" Creasy Vaughan; his son, Jon "JB" Vaughan; his grandchildren, Justin Hughes, Grant Hughes, Bryce Sparkman, and Blaine Sparkman; his great-grandchildren, Braden Hughes, Luke Hughes, and Aiden Hughes; and his brother, Gerald Vaughan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Eugene Vaughan; and his daughter, Robin Sparkman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughan leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Johnnie R. Vaughan, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Vaughan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.